



FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS

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Welcome to Friday Night Facts ! This publication of the Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives is sent to you to keep you informed of initiatives, events, and success stories from throughout the state that were initiated by community and faith based organizations to benefit their communities. Hoosiers are known for their hospitality and for their commitment to caring for their neighbors.

The Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives is committed to helping Hoosiers serve their communities in the most effective way possible. That help may come in many forms and through this newsletter, we will highlight the people and organizations that are doing good work in every corner of our state. If you want to salute an organization or person for their good work in your community, send us an e-mail. **We are here to serve you and your community!**

Rx For Indiana Helps Thousands of Hoosiers

"It's unacceptable that with every significant medicine available to low- income Hoosiers either free or at a sharply reduced rate, that fewer than one in 10 people who are eligible are aware of these savings and receive them," said Governor Mitch Daniels. "We're out to help these folks in the most Hoosier way possible, through an army of caring volunteers available to assist any citizen."

One of the first assignments the Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives received from the Governor was to assemble an army of volunteers to help Hoosiers obtain prescription drug assistance. We took on the challenge and to date have trained volunteers in Evansville, Fort Wayne, East Chicago, South Bend, and Indianapolis. The mission for these many volunteers is to make sure that every Hoosier who qualifies for prescription assistance receives assistance to alleviate the burden of costly drugs.

There are nearly a million people in Indiana with no health insurance. And if they get sick, they may not be getting the medicine they need. But now, there's Rx for Indiana...a partnership for prescription assistance sponsored by America's pharmaceutical companies...and for those who qualify, Rx for Indiana provides free or low-cost medicine. With access to over eighteen hundred prescription drugs.

Rx for Indiana is designed to simplify the process for Hoosiers to reach pharmaceutical companies that offer low-cost or free prescription medications. The Web site, which includes a Spanish -language version, is [www.RxforIndiana.org](http://www.rxforindiana.org) <<http://www.rxforindiana.org>> .

To reach RxforIndiana by phone, use the toll free number 877/793-0765 (trained Spanish-speaking operators are available). Persons who are Deaf or hearing impaired may contact RxforIndiana through Relay Indiana. If you want to join the army of volunteers helping their friends, neighbors, family members, and church, mosque or synagogue members, call 1-877-483-9275 and we will send you information that will help you help others.

**OLDER AMERICANS MONTH, 2005
BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

A PROCLAMATION

Older Americans teach us the timeless lessons of courage, sacrifice, and love. By sharing their wisdom and experience, they serve as role models for future generations. During Older Americans Month, we pay tribute to our senior citizens and their contributions to our Nation.

Our seniors deserve our greatest respect. Their example shows us how to persevere in the face of hardship, care for others in need, and take pride in our communities. Their patriotism, service, and leadership inspire Americans and shape the character and future of our country.

Millions of Americans are now living longer, more productive lives, and many are choosing to stay active in the workforce. Senior citizens are also giving their time and talents by volunteering in many ways -- from mentoring youth and participating in environmental stewardship projects to serving the homeless and assisting in emergency preparedness. More than 500,000 senior citizens volunteer through Senior Corps, a network of programs that enables older Americans to meet the needs and challenges of their communities. Through the USA Freedom Corps and Senior Corps, older Americans are dedicating their time and energy to strengthening our Nation and serving a cause greater than themselves.

GEORGE W. BUSH

President's Prisoner Reentry Initiative

[Dates and Locations of Informational Conferences for Prisoner Re-Entry Initiative SGA/DFA

PY-04-08 The U.S. Department of Labor recently announced \$19.8 million dollars to fund faith-based and community organizations that can help transition released prisoners into employment. (Please see <http://www.dol.gov/cfbci/funding.htm#reentry> for details.)

If your organization is interested in applying, your organization can attend one of three informational conferences about the **Prisoner Reentry Initiative Solicitation for Grant Applications**. These conferences will be held at the following dates and locations:

May 12, 2005 Los Angeles, California The Westin Los Angeles Airport, 5400 West Century Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90045; Tel: 310-216-5858

May 19, 2005 Dallas, Texas Sheraton Grand Hotel at Dallas/Fort Worth, 4440 W. John Carpenter Freeway, Irving, Texas 75063; Tel: 972-929-8400

May 26, 2005 Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area Loews L'Enfant Plaza Hotel 480 L'Enfant Plaza, Washington D.C. 20024; Tel: 202-484-1000

For registration and logistical information on the informational conferences, please visit <http://www.pri-conference.com> or call 301-589-2547.

**-Deadline Approaching-
Presidential Freedom Scholarships Available to Honor
High School Students for Outstanding Service**

(Washington D.C.) — Two students from every high school in the country are eligible to receive \$1,000 Presidential Freedom Scholarships in recognition of their outstanding service to the community. Nominations are open to high school juniors or seniors during the 2004-2005 academic year. The scholarship program provides \$500 of the award, which must be matched with at least \$500 from a community organization, civic group, or business. Students who complete at least 100 hours of community service, either through a school-based service-learning program or independently through service at a nonprofit or faith-based organization, are eligible to receive the scholarship. The final postmark deadline is July 1, 2005. Information and certification forms are available at <http://www.nationalservice.gov/scholarships/>. Learn and Serve America is administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service, which also oversees Senior Corps and AmeriCorps. Together with the USA Freedom Corps, the Corporation is working to build a culture of citizenship, service, and responsibility. For further information, visit www.nationalservice.gov.